

(19) World Intellectual Property
Organization
International Bureau



13 APR 2005



(43) International Publication Date
29 April 2004 (29.04.2004)

PCT

(10) International Publication Number
WO 2004/035521 A1

(51) International Patent Classification⁷: C07C 211/27,
215/14, 217/08, C07D 223/04, 295/12, 295/18, 307/52,
A01N 33/04, 43/08, 43/46, 43/60, 43/84

Rheinfelden (DE). BRUNNER, Frédéric [CH/CH]; Les
Esserts 44, CH-2054 Chézard (CH).

(21) International Application Number:
PCT/EP2003/011384

(74) Common Representative: CIBA SPECIALTY CHEMI-
CALS HOLDING INC.; Patentabteilung, Klybeckstrasse
141, CH-4057 Basel (CH).

(22) International Filing Date: 14 October 2003 (14.10.2003)

(81) Designated States (*national*): AE, AG, AL, AM, AT, AU,
AZ, BA, BB, BG, BR, BY, BZ, CA, CH, CN, CO, CR, CU,
CZ, DE, DK, DM, DZ, EC, EE, EG, ES, FI, GB, GD, GE,
GH, GM, HR, HU, ID, IL, IN, IS, JP, KE, KG, KP, KR,
KZ, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MA, MD, MG, MK,
MN, MW, MX, MZ, NI, NO, NZ, OM, PG, PH, PL, PT,
RO, RU, SC, SD, SE, SG, SK, SL, SY, TJ, TM, TN, TR,
TT, TZ, UA, UG, US, UZ, VC, VN, YU, ZA, ZM, ZW.

(25) Filing Language: English

(26) Publication Language: English

(30) Priority Data:
02405898.4 21 October 2002 (21.10.2002) EP
0091/03 22 January 2003 (22.01.2003) CH

(84) Designated States (*regional*): ARIPO patent (GH, GM,
KE, LS, MW, MZ, SD, SL, SZ, TZ, UG, ZM, ZW),
Eurasian patent (AM, AZ, BY, KG, KZ, MD, RU, TJ, TM),
European patent (AT, BE, BG, CH, CY, CZ, DE, DK, EE,
ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, HU, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, RO,
SE, SI, SK, TR), OAPI patent (BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM,
GA, GN, GQ, GW, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG).

(71) Applicant (*for all designated States except US*): CIBA
SPECIALTY CHEMICALS HOLDING INC. [CH/CH];
Klybeckstrasse 141, CH-4057 Basel (CH).

(72) Inventors; and

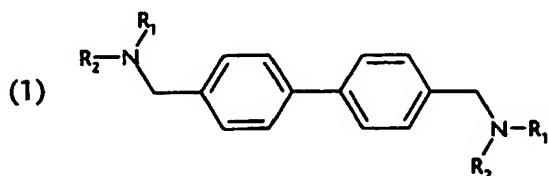
(75) Inventors/Applicants (*for US only*): MARQUAIS-BI-
ENEWALD, Sophie [FR/FR]; 63, rue de Hagenthal,
F-68220 Hegenheim (FR). HÖLZL, Werner [DE/FR]; 4,
rue de l'Argent, F-68440 Eschentzwiller (FR). PREUSS,
Andrea [FR/CH]; Hochstrasse 35, CH-4053 Basel (CH).
MEHLIN, Andreas [DE/DE]; Nägelestrasse 24, 79618

Published:

— with international search report

*For two-letter codes and other abbreviations, refer to the "Guid-
ance Notes on Codes and Abbreviations" appearing at the begin-
ning of each regular issue of the PCT Gazette.*

(54) Title: BIS-ALKYLBENZYLAMINES



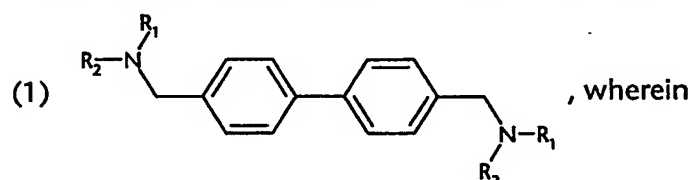
(57) Abstract: Compounds of Formula (1), wherein R₁ is
hydrogen; C₁-C₁₈alkyl; trifluoromethyl; C₃-C₈cycloalkyl;
phenyl-C₁-C₅alkyl; phenyl-C₁-C₅alkoxy; mono- or
di-N-C₁-C₅alkylamino-C₁-C₅alkyl; amino-di-N-C₁-
C₅alkylamino-C₁-C₅alkyl; C₁-C₅alkoxy-C₁-C₅alkyl; R₂ is
C₂-C₂₀alkyl; hydroxy-C₁-C₂₀alkyl; phenyl; phenyl-C₁-C₅alkyl;
phenyl-C₁-C₅alkoxy; mono- or di-N-C₁-C₅alkylamino-C₁-C₅alkyl;
amino-di-N-C₁-C₅alkylamino-C₁-C₅alkyl; or het-
eroaryl-C₁-C₅alkyl; or R₁ and R₂ together with the
nitrogen atom bonding them form a 5- to 7-membered monocyclic

heterocyclic ring; are described. They are suitable for the antimicrobial treatment of surfaces, especially as antimicrobial active
ingredients against gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria.

Bis-alkylbenzylamines

The present invention relates to bis-alkylbenzylamines, to the preparation of those compounds, and to their use in the antimicrobial treatment of surfaces, as antimicrobial active ingredients against gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria, yeasts and fungi, and in the preservation of cosmetics, household products, textiles, plastics, and for use in disinfectants.

The bis-alkylbenzylamines according to the invention correspond to formula



R_1 is hydrogen; C_1 - C_{18} alkyl; trifluoromethyl; C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl; phenyl- C_1 - C_3 alkyl; phenyl- C_1 - C_3 alkoxy; mono- or di-N- C_1 - C_3 alkylamino- C_1 - C_3 alkyl; amino-mono- or di-N- C_1 - C_3 alkylamino- C_1 - C_3 alkyl; C_1 - C_3 alkoxy- C_1 - C_3 alkyl;

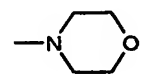
R_2 is C_2 - C_{20} alkyl; hydroxy- C_1 - C_{20} alkyl; phenyl; phenyl- C_1 - C_3 alkyl; phenyl- C_1 - C_3 alkoxy; mono- or di-N- C_1 - C_3 alkylamino- C_1 - C_3 alkyl; amino-mono- or di-N- C_1 - C_3 alkylamino- C_1 - C_3 alkyl; or heteroaryl- C_1 - C_3 alkyl; or

R_1 and R_2 together with the nitrogen atom bonding them form a 5- to 7-membered mono-cyclic heterocyclic ring;

with the proviso that compounds of formula (1) are excluded wherein

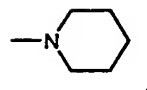
- a. R_1 is hydrogen; and
 R_2 is butyl;
- b. R_1 is hydrogen; and
 R_2 is cyclohexyl;
- c. R_1 and R_2 are butyl;
- d. R_1 and R_2 are propyl;

- e. R_1 and R_2 together form a monocyclic ring of the formula



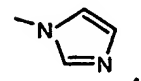
- 2 -

- f. R_1 and R_2 together form a monocyclic ring of the formula



;

- g. R_1 and R_2 together form a monocyclic ring of the formula



.

C_1 - C_{20} Alkyl are straight-chain or branched alkyl radicals, for example methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, sec-butyl, tert-butyl, amyl, isoamyl or tert-amyl, heptyl, octyl, isooctyl, nonyl, decyl, undecyl, dodecyl, tetradecyl, pentadecyl, hexadecyl, heptadecyl, octadecyl or eicosyl.

C_3 - C_8 Cycloalkyl is, for example, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl or cyclooctyl. Those radicals can be substituted, e.g. by one or more identical or different C_1 - C_4 alkyl radicals, especially by methyl, and/or by hydroxy. When cycloalkyl radicals are substituted by one or more substituents, they are preferably substituted by one, two or four, especially by one or two, identical or different substituents.

C_1 - C_5 Alkoxy are straight-chain or branched radicals, for example methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, butoxy or pentyloxy.

Heteroaryl radicals can be unsubstituted or carry one or more, e.g. one, two, three or four, identical or different substituents, which may be located in any positions. Examples of such substituents are e.g. C_1 - C_4 alkyl, halogen, hydroxy, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, hydroxycarbonyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, amino, C_1 - C_4 alkylamino, di- C_1 - C_4 -alkylamino and C_1 - C_4 alkylcarbonylamino.

Heteroaryl radicals are derived from heterocycles having one, two, three or four identical or different ring hetero atoms, especially from heterocycles having one, two or three, especially one or two, identical or different hetero atoms. The heterocycles can be mono- or polycyclic, e.g. mono-, bi- or tri-cyclic. They are preferably mono- or bi-cyclic, especially monocyclic. The rings preferably contain 5, 6 or 7 ring members. Examples of monocyclic and bicyclic heterocyclic systems from which radicals appearing in the compounds of formula (1)

may be derived are, for example, pyrrole, furan, thiophene, imidazole, pyrazole, 1,2,3-triazole, 1,2,4-triazole, pyridine, pyridazine, pyrimidine, pyrazine, pyran, thiopyran, 1,4-dioxane, 1,2-oxazine, 1,3-oxazine, 1,4-oxazine, indole, benzothiophene, benzofuran, pyrrolidine, piperidine, piperazine, morpholine and thiomorpholine.

Unsaturated heterocycles can contain, for example, one, two or three unsaturated double bonds in the ring system. 5-Membered rings and 6-membered rings in monocyclic and polycyclic heterocycles may especially also be aromatic.

Preference is given to alkylbenzylamines of formula (1) wherein

R_1 is hydrogen; C_1 - C_{18} alkyl; trifluoromethyl; C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl; phenyl- C_1 - C_3 alkyl; phenyl- C_1 - C_3 alkoxy; mono- or di-N- C_1 - C_3 alkylamino- C_1 - C_3 alkyl; amino-di-N- C_1 - C_3 alkylamino- C_1 - C_3 alkyl; C_1 - C_3 alkoxy- C_1 - C_3 alkyl;

R_2 is C_5 - C_{20} alkyl; hydroxy- C_1 - C_{20} alkyl; phenyl; phenyl- C_1 - C_3 alkyl; phenyl- C_1 - C_3 alkoxy; mono- or di-N- C_1 - C_3 alkylamino- C_1 - C_3 alkyl; amino-di-N- C_1 - C_3 alkylamino- C_1 - C_3 alkyl; or heteroaryl- C_1 - C_3 alkyl; or

R_1 and R_2 together with the nitrogen atom bonding them form a 6- or 7-membered monocyclic heterocyclic aromatic ring.

Special preference is given to compounds of formula (1) wherein

R_1 is hydrogen; C_1 - C_8 alkyl; benzyl; or together with R_2 forms a 5- to 7-membered monocyclic heterocyclic ring; and more especially hydrogen.

R_2 in formula (1) is preferably C_2 - C_{12} alkyl; phenyl- C_1 - C_2 alkyl; hydroxy- C_1 - C_3 alkyl; heteroaryl- C_1 - C_2 alkyl; or R_2 forms together with R_1 a 5- to 7-membered monocyclic heterocyclic ring.

Special preference is given to compounds of formula (1) wherein

R_2 is a branched C_3 - C_8 alkyl radical, especially an isopropyl; isobutyl, tert-butyl; isohexyl; or isooctyl radical.

Special preference is given to compounds of formula (1) wherein

- 4 -

R_1 and R_2 have the same meanings.

Of those compounds, preference is given to those wherein

R_1 and R_2 are linear C_2 - C_{12} alkyl; or benzyl.

Special preference is given to compounds of formula (1) wherein

R_1 is hydrogen; or methyl; and

R_2 is C_2 - C_{12} alkyl; or phenyl- C_1 - C_2 alkyl,

and more especially to compounds of formula (1) wherein

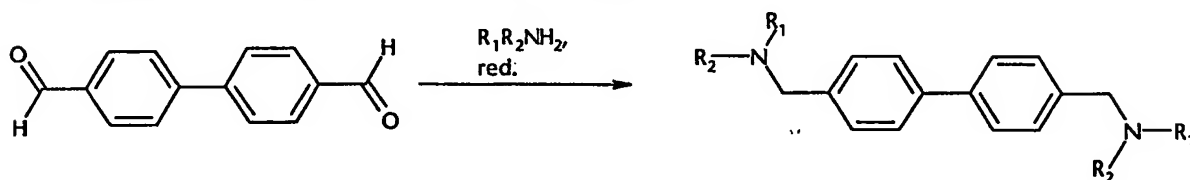
R_1 is hydrogen.

Very special preference is given to compounds of formula (1) wherein

R_1 is hydrogen; and

R_2 is octyl.

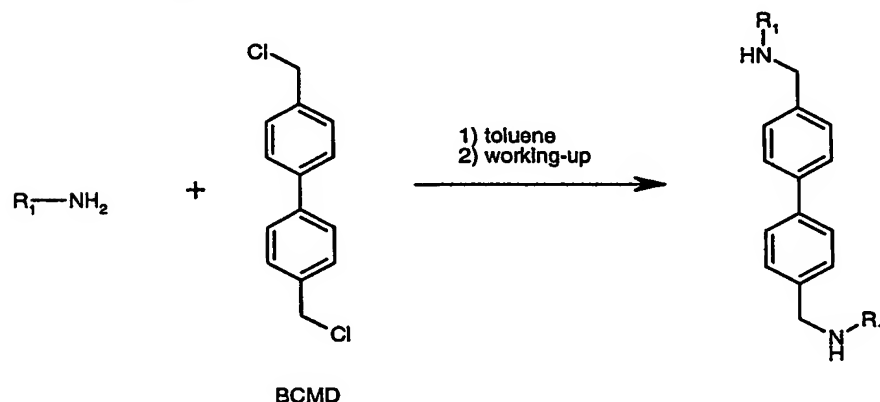
The preparation of the compounds according to the invention is carried out by processes known *per se* in accordance with the following scheme:



wherein R_1 and R_2 are as defined for formula (1).

The 4,4'-biphenyl carboxaldehyde is reacted with from 1 to 3 equivalents of amine and a reducing agent, e.g. hydrogen and a metal catalyst, formic acid, metal hydrides, e.g. borane complexes, borohydrides, aluminium hydrides, etc., in a suitable solvent, e.g. THF, DMF, dioxane, toluene, xylene, methanol or ethanol, with or without acid catalysis (acetic acid, TMOF) at a temperature of from -10°C to 150°C in the course of from 1 to 24 h, to form the corresponding amine compound.

In a further preparation variant, the bis-alkylbenzylamines according to the invention can be prepared in only one reaction step by direct alkylation of BCMD. The process, which is a further subject of the invention, can be carried out as follows:

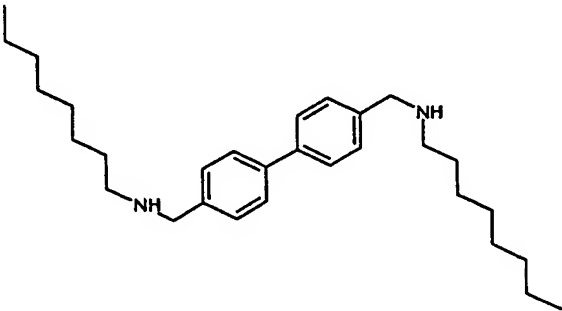
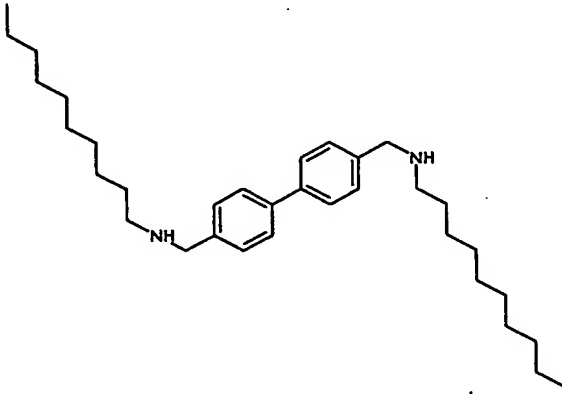
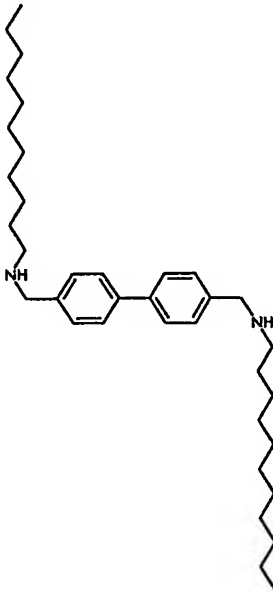


The alkylation of BCMD is generally carried out in an excess of R_1-NH_2 . The solvent (toluene) and the excess of R_1-NH_2 can be recycled by distillation. The reaction time is from 0.5 to 12, preferably from 1 to 3 hours. The reaction temperature is from 50 to 120, preferably from 70 to 90 °C.

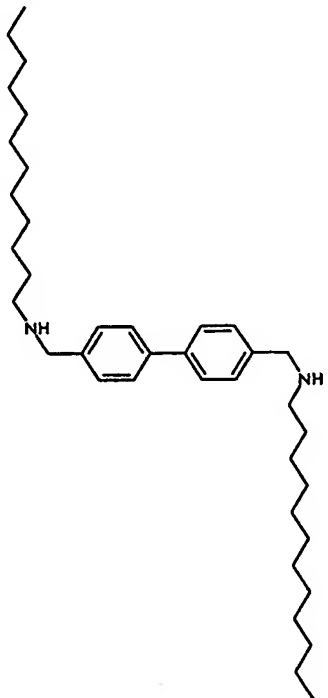
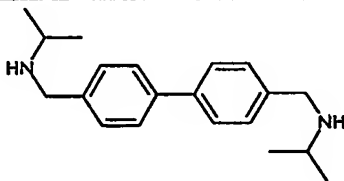
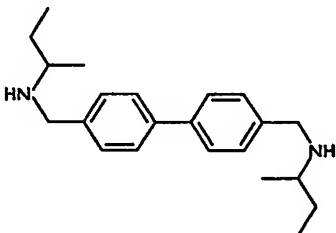
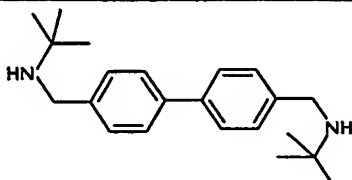
Preferred solvents are toluene, xylene or fractions from petrol.

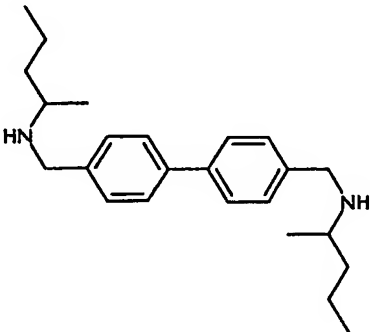
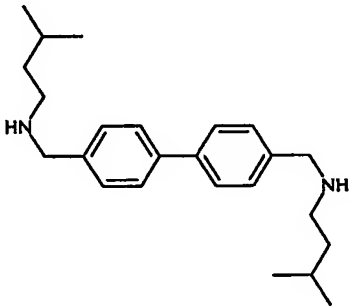
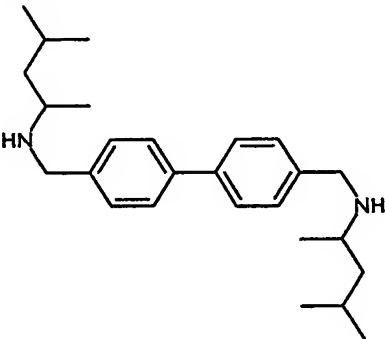
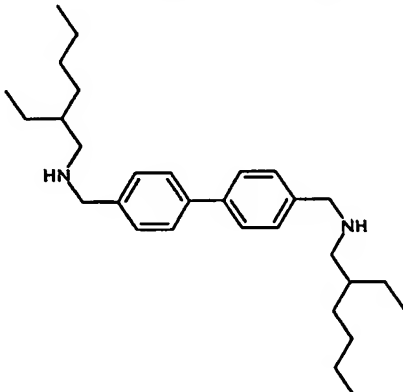
Examples of compounds according to the invention are listed in Table 1:

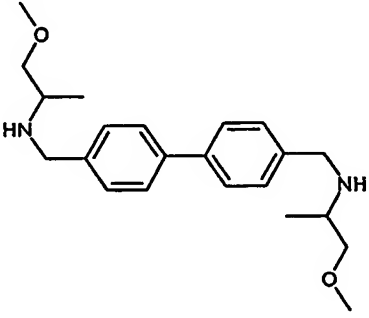
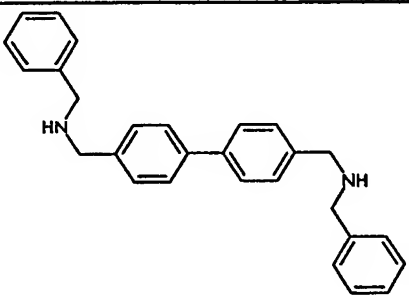
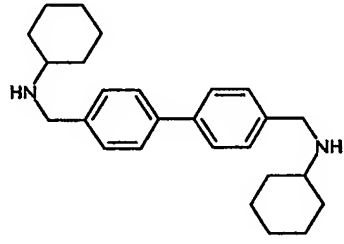
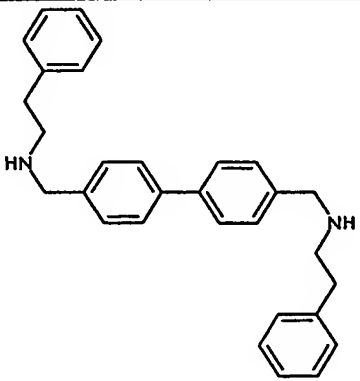
<u>Compound of formula</u>	<u>Structure</u>	<u>Purity [254nm]</u>
2		58

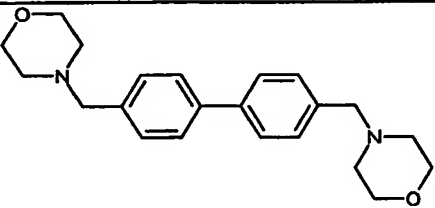
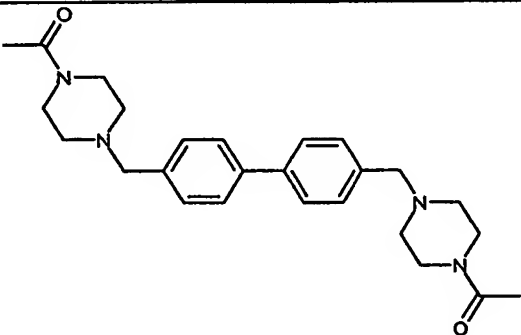
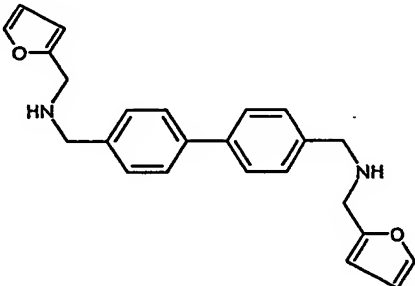
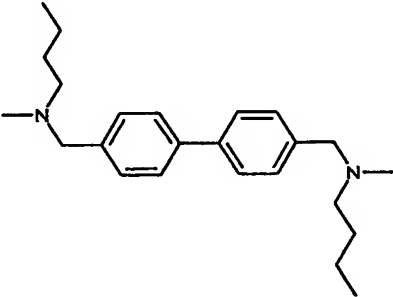
<u>Compound of formula</u>	<u>Structure</u>	<u>Purity [254nm]</u>
3		60
4		87
5		72

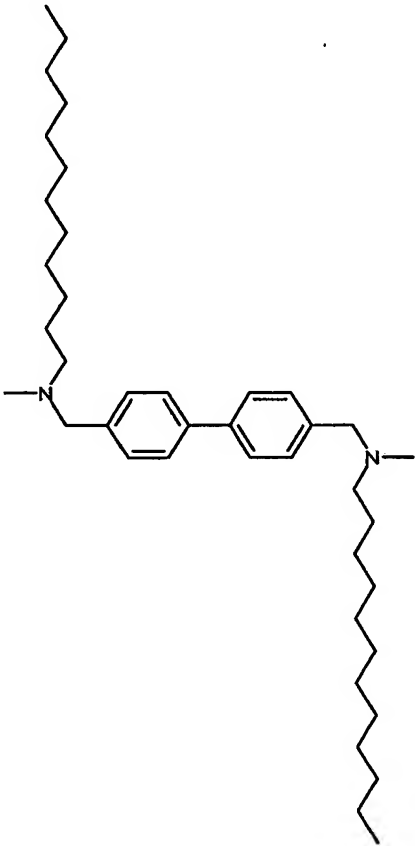
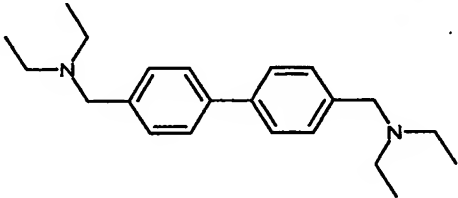
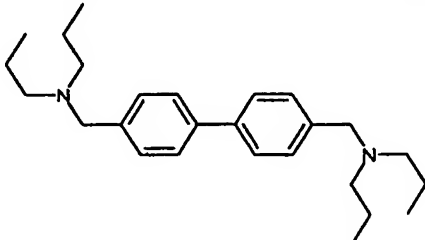
- 7 -

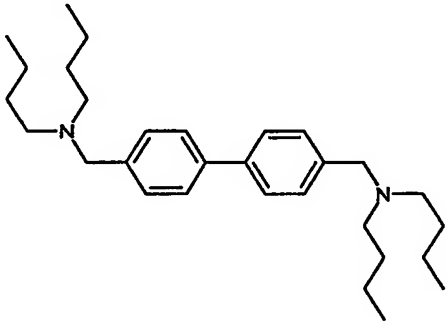
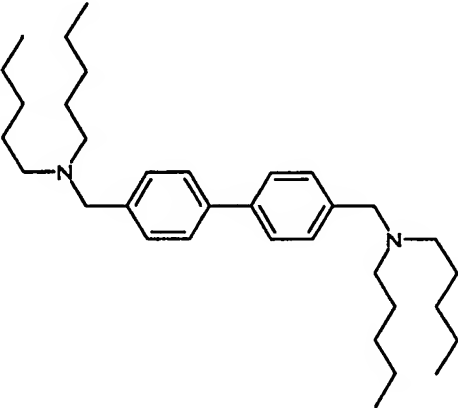
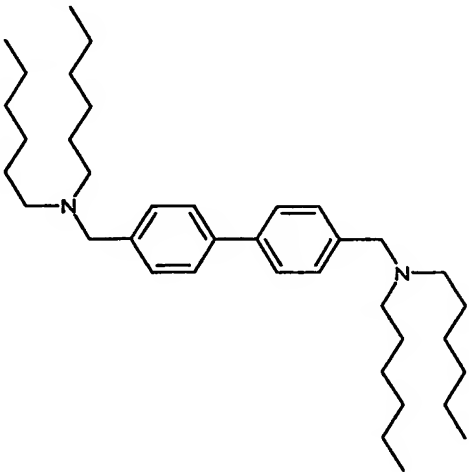
<u>Compound of formula</u>	<u>Structure</u>	<u>Purity [254nm]</u>
6		82
7		67
8		54
9		83

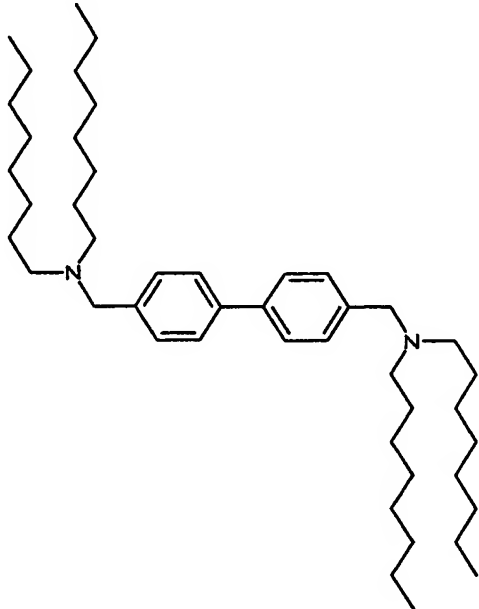
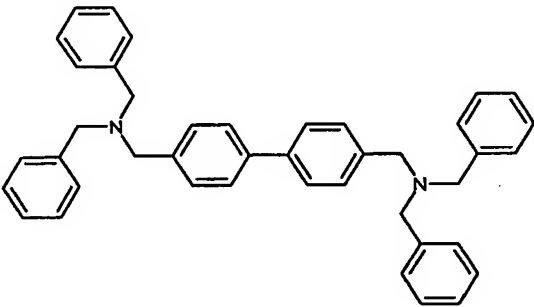
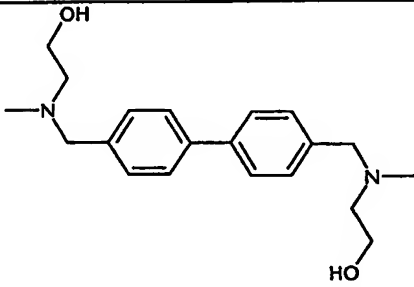
<u>Compound of formula</u>	<u>Structure</u>	<u>Purity [254nm]</u>
10		85
11		80
12		87
13		90

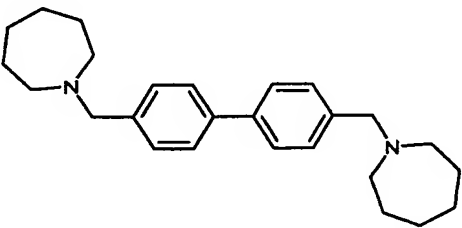
<u>Compound of formula</u>	<u>Structure</u>	<u>Purity [254nm]</u>
14	 <chem>COCC(C)NCCc1ccc(cc1)-c2ccc(cc2)CNCC(C)CO</chem>	76
15	 <chem>NCCc1ccc(cc1)-c2ccc(cc2)CNCC3=CC=CC=C3</chem>	68
16	 <chem>NCCc1ccc(cc1)-c2ccc(cc2)CNCC3CCCCC3</chem>	82
17	 <chem>NCCc1ccc(cc1)-c2ccc(cc2)CNCCC3=CC=CC=C3</chem>	84

<u>Compound of formula</u>	<u>Structure</u>	<u>Purity [254nm]</u>
18		53
19		92
20		80
21		75

<u>Compound of formula</u>	<u>Structure</u>	<u>Purity [254nm]</u>
22		83
23		65
24		54

<u>Compound of formula</u>	<u>Structure</u>	<u>Purity [254nm]</u>
25	 <chem>CCCCNCCc1ccc(cc1)-c2ccc(cc2)CNCCCC</chem>	76
26	 <chem>CCCCCNCCc1ccc(cc1)-c2ccc(cc2)CNCCCCC</chem>	60
27	 <chem>CCCCCNCCc1ccc(cc1)-c2ccc(cc2)CNCCCCC</chem>	53

<u>Compound of formula</u>	<u>Structure</u>	<u>Purity [254nm]</u>
28	 <chem>CCCCCCCCN(Cc1ccc(cc1)-c2ccc(cc2)CN(C)CCCCCCCC)Cc3ccccc3</chem>	45
29	 <chem>Cc1ccccc1N(Cc2ccccc2)Cc3ccc(cc3)-c4ccc(cc4)CN(C)Cc5ccccc5</chem>	68
30	 <chem>CCN(CCO)Cc1ccc(cc1)-c2ccc(cc2)CN(C)CCO</chem>	73

<u>Compound of formula</u>	<u>Structure</u>	<u>Purity [254nm]</u>
31		53

The bis-alkylbenzylamines used according to the invention exhibit a pronounced antimicrobial action, especially against pathogenic gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria and also against bacteria of skin flora. They are therefore especially suitable for the disinfection, deodorisation and the general and antimicrobial treatment of the skin and mucosa and also of integumentary appendages (hair), more especially for the disinfection of the hands and of wounds. They are therefore suitable as antimicrobial active ingredients and preservatives in personal care preparations, for example shampoos, bath additives, hair-care products, liquid and solid soaps (based on synthetic surfactants and salts of saturated and/or unsaturated fatty acids), lotions and creams, deodorants, other aqueous or alcoholic solutions, e.g. cleansing solutions for the skin, moist cleansing cloths, oils or powders.

The invention therefore relates also to a personal care preparation comprising at least one compound of formula (1) as well as cosmetically tolerable carriers or adjuvants.

The personal care preparation according to the invention comprises from 0.01 to 15 % by weight, preferably from 0.1 to 10 % by weight, based on the total weight of the composition, of bis-alkylbenzylamines of formula (1), and cosmetically tolerable adjuvants.

Depending upon the form of the personal care preparation, it comprises, in addition to the bis-alkylbenzylamine compound of formula (1), further constituents, for example sequestering agents, colourings, perfume oils, thickening or solidifying agents (consistency regulators), emollients, UV absorbers, skin-protective agents, antioxidants, additives that improve

mechanical properties, such as dicarboxylic acids and/or Al, Zn, Ca and Mg salts of C_{14} - C_{22} -fatty acids, and optionally preservatives.

The personal care preparation according to the invention may be formulated as a water-in-oil or oil-in-water emulsion, as an alcoholic or alcohol-containing formulation, as a vesicular dispersion of an ionic or non-ionic amphiphilic lipid, as a gel, a solid stick or as an aerosol formulation.

As a water-in-oil or oil-in-water emulsion, the cosmetically tolerable adjuvant contains preferably from 5 to 50 % of an oily phase, from 5 to 20 % of an emulsifier and from 30 to 90 % water. The oily phase may contain any oil suitable for cosmetic formulations, e.g. one or more hydrocarbon oils, a wax, a natural oil, a silicone oil, a fatty acid ester or a fatty alcohol. Preferred mono- or poly-ols are ethanol, isopropanol, propylene glycol, hexylene glycol, glycerol and sorbitol.

Cosmetic formulations according to the invention are used in a variety of fields. Especially the following preparations, for example, come into consideration:

- skin-care preparations, e.g. skin-washing and cleansing preparations in the form of tablet-form or liquid soaps, synthetic detergents or washing pastes;
- bath preparations, e.g. liquid (foam baths, milks, shower preparations) or solid bath preparations, e.g. bath cubes and bath salts;
- skin-care preparations, e.g. skin emulsions, multi-emulsions or skin oils;
- cosmetic personal care preparations, e.g. facial make-up in the form of day creams or powder creams, face powder (loose or pressed), rouge or cream make-up, eye-care preparations, e.g. eyeshadow preparations, mascara, eyeliner, eye creams or eye-fix creams; lip-care preparations, e.g. lipsticks, lip gloss, lip contour pencils, nail-care preparations, such as nail varnish, nail varnish removers, nail hardeners or cuticle removers;
- intimate hygiene preparations, e.g. intimate washing lotions or intimate sprays;
- foot-care preparations, e.g. foot baths, foot powders, foot creams or foot balsams, special deodorants and antiperspirants or callus-removing preparations;

- light-protective preparations, such as sun milks, lotions, creams and oils, sun blocks or tropicals, pre-tanning preparations or after-sun preparations;
- skin-tanning preparations, e.g. self-tanning creams;
- depigmenting preparations, e.g. preparations for bleaching the skin or skin-lightening preparations;
- insect-repellents, e.g. insect-repellent oils, lotions, sprays or sticks;
- deodorants, such as deodorant sprays, pump-action sprays, deodorant gels, sticks or roll-ons;
- antiperspirants, e.g. antiperspirant sticks, creams or roll-ons;
- preparations for cleansing and caring for blemished skin, e.g. synthetic detergents (solid or liquid), peeling or scrub preparations or peeling masks;
- hair-removal preparations in chemical form (depilation), e.g. hair-removing powders, liquid hair-removing preparations, cream- or paste-form hair-removing preparations, hair-removing preparations in gel form or aerosol foams;
- shaving preparations, e.g. shaving soap, foaming shaving creams, non-foaming shaving creams, foams and gels, pre shave preparations for dry shaving, aftershaves or aftershave lotions;
- fragrance preparations, e.g. fragrances (eau de Cologne, eau de toilette, eau de parfum, parfum de toilette, perfume), perfume oils or cream perfumes;
- dental-care, denture-care and mouth-care preparations, e.g. toothpastes, gel toothpastes, tooth powders, mouthwash concentrates, anti-plaque mouthwashes, denture cleaners or denture fixatives;
- cosmetic hair-treatment preparations, e.g. hair-washing preparations in the form of shampoos, hair conditioners, hair-care preparations, e.g. pretreatment preparations, hair tonics, styling creams, styling gels, pomades, hair rinses, treatment packs, intensive hair treatments, hair-structuring preparations, e.g. hair-waving preparations for permanent waves (hot wave, mild wave, cold wave), hair-straightening preparations, liquid hair-setting preparations, foams, hairsprays, bleaching preparations, e.g. hydrogen peroxide solutions, lightening shampoos, bleaching creams, bleaching powders, bleaching pastes or oils, temporary, semi-permanent or permanent hair colorants,

preparations containing self-oxidising dyes, or natural hair colorants, such as henna or camomile.

An antimicrobial soap has, for example, the following composition:

0.01 to 5 % by weight	of a compound of formula (1)
0.3 to 1 % by weight	titanium dioxide
1 to 10 % by weight	stearic acid
ad 100 %	soap base, e.g. the sodium salts of tallow fatty acid and coconut fatty acid or glycerol.

A shampoo has, for example, the following composition:

0.01 to 5 % by weight	of a compound of formula (1)
12.0 % by weight	sodium laureth-2-sulfate
4.0 % by weight	cocamidopropyl betaine
3.0 % by weight	NaCl and
ad 100 %	water.

A deodorant has, for example, the following composition:

0.01 to 5 % by weight	of a compound of formula (1)
60 % by weight	ethanol
0.3 % by weight	perfume oil and
ad 100 %	water.

The invention relates also to an oral composition, comprising from 0.01 to 15 % by weight, based on the total weight of the composition, of a compound of formula (1), and orally tolerable adjuvants.

Example of an oral composition:

10 % by weight	sorbitol
10 % by weight	glycerol
15 % by weight	ethanol

15 % by weight	propylene glycol
0.5 % by weight	sodium lauryl sulfate
0.25 % by weight	sodium methylcocyl taurate
0.25 % by weight	polyoxypropylene/polyoxyethylene block copolymer
0.10 % by weight	peppermint flavouring
0.1 to 0.5 % by weight	of a compound of formula (1) and
48.6 % by weight	water.

The oral composition according to the invention may be, for example, in the form of a gel, a paste, a cream or an aqueous preparation (mouthwash).

The oral composition according to the invention may also comprise compounds that release fluoride ions which are effective against the formation of caries, for example inorganic fluoride salts, e.g. sodium, potassium, ammonium or calcium fluoride, or organic fluoride salts, e.g. amine fluorides, which are known under the trade name Olafluor.

The bis-alkylbenzylamines of formula (1) according to the invention are also suitable for the treatment, especially the preservation, of textile fibre materials. Such materials are undyed and dyed or printed fibre materials, e.g. of silk, wool, polyamide or polyurethanes, and especially cellulosic fibre materials of all kinds. Such fibre materials are, for example, natural cellulose fibres, such as cotton, linen, jute and hemp, as well as cellulose and regenerated cellulose. Preferred suitable textile fibre materials are made of cotton.

The bis-alkylbenzylamines according to the invention are also suitable for the treatment of plastics, especially for imparting antimicrobial properties to or preserving plastics, e.g. polyethylene, polypropylene, polyurethane, polyester, polyamide, polycarbonate, latex etc.. Fields of use therefor are, for example, floor coverings, plastics coatings, plastics container and packaging materials; kitchen and bathroom utensils (e.g. brushes, shower curtains; sponges, bathmats), latex, filter materials (air and water filters), plastics articles used in the field of medicine, e.g. dressing materials, syringes, catheters etc., so-called "medical devices", gloves and mattresses.

Paper, for example papers used for hygiene purposes, may also be provided with anti-microbial properties using the bis-alkylbenzylamines according to the invention.

It is also possible for nonwovens, e.g. nappies/diapers, sanitary towels, panty liners, and cloths for hygiene and household uses, to be provided with antimicrobial properties according to the invention.

The bis-alkylbenzylamines of formula (1) are also used in washing and cleaning formulations, e.g. in liquid and powder washing agents or in softeners.

The bis-alkylbenzylamines can be used especially also in household and all-purpose cleaners for cleaning and disinfecting hard surfaces. A cleaning preparation has, for example, the following composition:

0.01 to 5 %	of a compound of formula (1)
3.0 %	octyl alcohol 4EO
1.3 %	fatty alcohol C ₈ -C ₁₀ polyglucoside
3.0 %	isopropanol
ad 100 %	water.

Also possible, in addition to the preservation of cosmetic and household products, is the preservation of technical products and the provision of such products with antimicrobial properties as well as use as a biocide in technical processes, such as in paper treatment, especially in paper treatment liquors, printing thickeners of starch or of cellulose derivatives, surface-coatings and paints.

The bis-alkylbenzylamines of formula (1) are also suitable for the antimicrobial treatment of wood and for the antimicrobial treatment of leather, the antimicrobial preservation of leather and the provision of leather with antimicrobial properties.

The compounds according to the invention are also suitable for the protection of cosmetic products and household products from microbial spoilage.

The following Examples serve to illustrate the invention but do not limit the invention.

Examples

Example 1: Preparation of octyl-(4'-octylaminomethyl-biphenyl-4-ylmethyl)-amine (compound of formula (3))

4.20 g (20 mmol) of 4,4'-biphenyl dicarboxaldehyde are dissolved in 50 ml of absolute THF under nitrogen. 4.80 g (80 mmol) of acetic acid and 5.69 g (44 mmol) of octylamine are added dropwise thereto and the mixture is heated for 1 hour at 60°C. After cooling with an ice-bath, 10.17 g (48 mmol) of sodium triacetoxyborohydride are added in portions. The reaction mixture is stirred overnight at room temperature. 100 ml of water are placed in a container and the reaction mixture is added using a pipette. The pH is adjusted to 1 with 6N hydrochloric acid. The THF is distilled off, and the product is filtered off and washed with 900 ml of water.

The product is then suspended in ethyl acetate, adjusted to pH 13 with sodium hydroxide solution and then filtered off again.

The product is washed with 300 ml of water. Excess octylamine is distilled off under a high vacuum.

Yield: 84 % (GC purity: 88 %)

NMR (methanol): 0.8 ppm (6H); 1.2 ppm (20H); 1.45 ppm (4H); 2.5 ppm (4H);
3.7 ppm (4H); 7.3 ppm (4H); 7.5 ppm (4H)

Example 2: Preparation of octyl-(4'-octylaminomethyl-biphenyl-4-ylmethyl)-amine (compound of formula (3))

A suspension of BCMD (1.00 mol) in toluene (2600 ml) is treated while cold with an excess of n-octylamine (5.00 mol). After reaction for one hour at 80°C, the conversion is complete. The reaction suspension is washed out with water (1000 ml) and 50 % NaOH (200 g). The solvents (toluene/n-octylamine) are distilled off *in vacuo* (60-120°C/20 mbar).

The oily residue is taken up in warm ethyl acetate (1200 ml), clarified on a suction-filter (BCMD polymer), cooled to 35°C and seeded.

After further cooling to 0°C, the crystalline product is filtered off, washed with solvent and dried.

Example 3: Determination of the minimum inhibiting concentration (MIC value) in microtitre plates:

Nutrient medium:

Casein/soybean flour peptone bouillon for the preparation of the precultures of the test bacteria and yeast.

Examples of test organisms:

Bacteria: Escherichia coli ATCC 10536 (= EC)
 Staphylococcus aureus ATCC 6538 (= SA)

Procedure:

The test substances are predissolved in dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) and tested in a serial dilution of 1:2.

Bacteria and yeast are cultured overnight in CASO bouillon.

All test organism suspensions are adjusted to an organism count of $1 - 5 \times 10^6$ CFU/ml with 0.85 % sodium chloride solution.

The test substances are prepipetted into microtitre plates in an amount of 8 µl per well. The previously adjusted organism suspensions are diluted 1:100 in CASO bouillon and added to the test substances in an amount of 192 µl per well.

The test batches are incubated for 48 hours at 37°C.

After incubation, the growth is determined by reference to the turbidity of the test batches (optical density) at 620 nm in a microplate reader.

The minimum inhibiting concentration (MIC value) is the concentration of substance at which an appreciable inhibition of the growth (≤ 20 % growth compared with the growth control) of the test organisms is ascertained.

Three microtitre plates are used for each test organism and substance concentration.

The microbiological test results are compiled in Table 2:

<u>Table 2:</u>			
<u>Compound of formula</u>	<u>Purity</u> <u>[254nm]</u>	<u>ATCC 6538</u>	<u>ATCC 10536</u>
2	58	15	15
3	60	7.5	<3.75
4	87	30	15
5	72	30	30
6	82	30	30
7	67	15	30
8	54	15	60
9	83	60	>120
10	85	15	30
11	80	30	30
12	87	30	60
13	90	7.5	7.5
14	76	30	>120
15	68	120	120
16	82	60	120
17	84	15	15

<u>Table 2:</u>			
<u>Compound of formula</u>	<u>Purity</u> <u>[254nm]</u>	<u>ATCC 6538</u>	<u>ATCC 10536</u>
18	53	>120	>120
19	92	>120	>120
20	80	>120	>120
21	75	>120	120
22	83	15	15
23	65	15	>120
24	54	>120	>120
25	76	>120	>120
26	60	30	>120
27	53	15	>120
28	45	7.5	15
29	68	>120	>120
30	73	>120	>120
31	53	60	120

Example 4: Determination of the minimum inhibiting concentration of the compound of formula (3) in respect of a wider spectrum of organisms:

The compound of formula (3) (see Table 1; GC purity 88 %; prepared in accordance with Example 1) is tested on the microorganisms indicated in Table 3.

The test for determining the minimum inhibiting concentration is effected in an agar incorporation test.

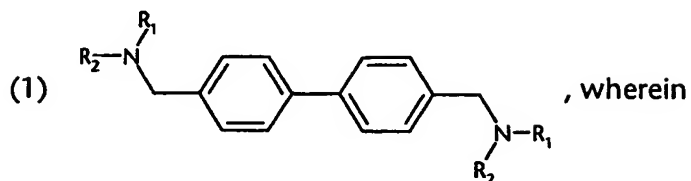
<u>Table 3:</u>		
<u>Microorganism</u>		<u>MIC</u>
Staphylococcus aureus	ATCC 6538	3.75
Staphylococcus aureus	ATCC 9144	3.75

- 24 -

Staphylococcus epidermidis	ATCC 12228	3.75
Corynebacterium xerosis	ATCC 373	1.88
C. minutissimum	ATCC 23348	1.88
Propionibacterium acnes	ATCC 6919	3.75
Escherichia coli	NCTC 8196	3.75
Escherichia coli	ATCC 10536	3.75
Proteus vulgaris	ATCC 6896	> 120
Klebsiella pneumoniae	ATCC 4352	7.5
Salmonella choleraesuis	ATCC 9184	7.5
Pseudomonas aeruginosa	ATCC 15442	> 120
Candida albicans	ATCC 10231	> 120
Aspergillus niger	ATCC 6275	> 120

What is claimed is:

1. An alkylbenzylamine of formula



R_1 is hydrogen; C_1 - C_{18} alkyl; trifluoromethyl; C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl; phenyl- C_1 - C_3 alkyl; phenyl- C_1 - C_3 alkoxy; mono- or di- N - C_1 - C_3 alkylamino- C_1 - C_3 alkyl; amino- mono- or di- N - C_1 - C_3 alkylamino- C_1 - C_3 alkyl; C_1 - C_3 alkoxy- C_1 - C_3 alkyl;

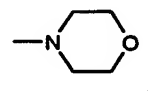
R_2 is C_2 - C_{20} alkyl; hydroxy- C_1 - C_{20} alkyl; phenyl; phenyl- C_1 - C_3 alkyl; phenyl- C_1 - C_3 alkoxy; mono- or di- N - C_1 - C_3 alkylamino- C_1 - C_3 alkyl; amino mono- or -di- N - C_1 - C_3 alkylamino- C_1 - C_3 alkyl; or heteroaryl- C_1 - C_3 alkyl; or

R_1 and R_2 together with the nitrogen atom bonding them form a 5- to 7-membered monocyclic heterocyclic ring;

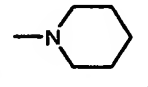
with the proviso that compounds of formula (1) are excluded wherein

- a. R_1 is hydrogen; and
 R_2 is butyl;
- b. R_1 is hydrogen; and
 R_2 is cyclohexyl;
- c. R_1 and R_2 are butyl;
- d. R_1 and R_2 are propyl;

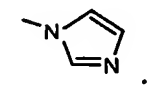
- e. R_1 and R_2 together form a monocyclic ring of the formula



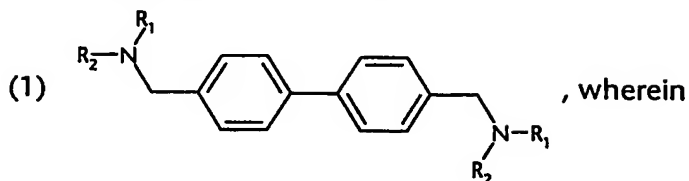
- f. R_1 and R_2 together form a monocyclic ring of the formula



- g. R_1 and R_2 together form a monocyclic ring of the formula



2. An alkylbenzylamine of formula



R_1 is hydrogen; C_1 - C_{18} alkyl; trifluoromethyl; C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl; phenyl- C_1 - C_3 alkyl; phenyl- C_1 - C_3 alkoxy; mono- or di-N- C_1 - C_3 alkylamino- C_1 - C_3 alkyl; amino-di-N- C_1 - C_3 alkylamino- C_1 - C_3 alkyl; C_1 - C_3 alkoxy- C_1 - C_3 alkyl;

R_2 is C_5 - C_{20} alkyl; hydroxy- C_1 - C_{20} alkyl; phenyl; phenyl- C_1 - C_3 alkyl; phenyl- C_1 - C_3 alkoxy; mono- or di-N- C_1 - C_3 alkylamino- C_1 - C_3 alkyl; amino-di-N- C_1 - C_3 alkylamino- C_1 - C_3 alkyl; or heteroaryl- C_1 - C_3 alkyl; or

R_1 and R_2 together with the nitrogen atom bonding them form a 6- or 7-membered monocyclic heterocyclic aromatic ring.

3. A compound according to claim 1, wherein

R_1 is hydrogen; C_1 - C_8 alkyl; benzyl; or together with R_2 forms a 5- to 7-membered monocyclic heterocyclic ring.

4. A compound according to claim 1 or 3, wherein

R_1 is hydrogen.

5. A compound according to any one of claims 1, 3 and 4, wherein

R_2 is C_2 - C_{12} alkyl; phenyl- C_1 - C_2 alkyl; hydroxy- C_1 - C_3 alkyl; heteroaryl- C_1 - C_2 alkyl; or together with R_1 forms a 5- to 7-membered monocyclic heterocyclic ring.

6. A compound according to any one of claims 1 and 3 to 5, wherein

R_2 is a branched C_3 - C_8 alkyl radical.

7. A compound according to claim 6, wherein

R_2 is an isopropyl; isobutyl, tert-butyl; isohexyl; or isooctyl radical.

8. A compound according to claim 5, wherein

R₁ is hydrogen; and

R₂ is octyl.

9. A compound according to any one of claims 1, 3 and 5 to 7, wherein

R₁ and R₂ have the same meanings.

10. A compound according to claim 9, wherein

R₁ and R₂ are linear C₂-C₁₂alkyl; or benzyl.

11. A compound according to claim 1, wherein

R₁ is hydrogen; or methyl; and

R₂ is C₂-C₁₂alkyl; or phenyl-C₁-C₂alkyl.

12. A compound according to claim 11, wherein

R₁ is hydrogen.

13. Use of a compound of formula (1) wherein

R₁ is hydrogen; C₁-C₁₈alkyl; trifluoromethyl; C₃-C₈cycloalkyl; phenyl-C₁-C₃alkyl; phenyl-C₁-C₃alkoxy; mono- or di-N-C₁-C₃alkylamino-C₁-C₃alkyl; amino-di-N-C₁-C₃alkylamino-C₁-C₃alkyl; C₁-C₃alkoxy-C₁-C₃alkyl;

R₂ is C₂-C₂₀alkyl; hydroxy-C₁-C₂₀alkyl; phenyl; phenyl-C₁-C₃alkyl; phenyl-C₁-C₃alkoxy; mono- or di-N-C₁-C₃alkylamino-C₁-C₃alkyl; amino-di-N-C₁-C₃alkylamino-C₁-C₃alkyl; or heteroaryl-C₁-C₃alkyl; or

R₁ and R₂ together with the nitrogen atom bonding them form a 5- to 7-membered monocyclic heterocyclic ring;

in the antimicrobial treatment of surfaces.

14. Use according to claim 13, wherein the compound is used in the deodorisation and disinfection of the skin, mucosa and hair.

15. Use according to claim 13, wherein the compound is used in the treatment of textile fibre materials.

16. Use of a compound of formula (1) in the preservation and antimicrobial treatment of technical products.

17. Use according to claim 16, wherein the compound is used for plastics, paper, nonwovens, wood or leather.

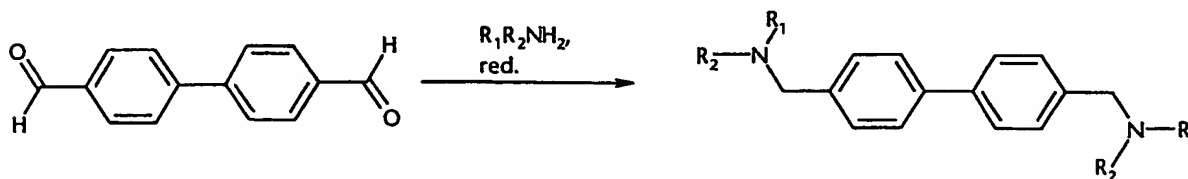
18. Use of a compound of formula (1) as an antimicrobial active ingredient in washing and cleaning formulations.

19. Use of a compound of formula (1) as a biocide in technical processes.

20. A personal care preparation, comprising from 0.01 to 15 % by weight, based on the total weight of the composition, of a compound of formula (1), and cosmetically tolerable adjuvants.

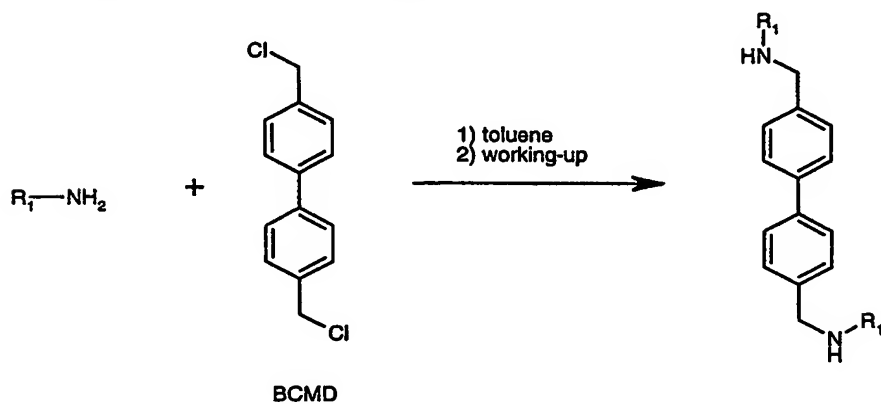
21. An oral composition, comprising from 0.01 to 15 % by weight, based on the total weight of the composition, of a compound of formula (1), and orally tolerable adjuvants.

22. A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (1), wherein it is prepared in accordance with the following scheme:



wherein R_1 and R_2 are as defined for formula (1):

23. A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (1), wherein it is prepared in accordance with the following scheme:



wherein R_1 is as defined for formula (1).

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No

PCT/EP 03/11384

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 C07C211/27 C07C215/14 C07C217/08 C07D223/04 C07D295/12
C07D295/18 C07D307/52 A01N33/04 A01N43/08 A01N43/46
A01N43/60 A01N43/84

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 C07C C07D A01N

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ, BEILSTEIN Data, CHEM ABS Data

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	EP 1 191 016 A (CIBA SC HOLDING AG) 27 March 2002 (2002-03-27) *the whole document*	1-13
A	WO 02 08197 A (MAULER MACHNIK ASTRID ;DUNKEL RALF (DE); KUGLER MARTIN (DE); RIECK) 31 January 2002 (2002-01-31) *the whole document*	1-13



Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.



Patent family members are listed in annex.

* Special categories of cited documents :

- "A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
- "E" earlier document but published on or after the international filing date
- "L" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)
- "O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
- "P" document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

"T" later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention

"X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone

"Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art.

"&" document member of the same patent family

Date of the actual completion of the international search

15 January 2004

Date of mailing of the international search report

23/01/2004

Name and mailing address of the ISA

European Patent Office, P.B. 5818 Patentlaan 2
NL - 2280 HV Rijswijk
Tel. (+31-70) 340-2040, Tx. 31 651 epo nl,
Fax: (+31-70) 340-3016

Authorized officer

Österle, C

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No
PCT/EP 03/11384

C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	<p>ABDEL-MAGID A F ET AL: "Reductive amination of aldehydes and ketones with sodium triacetoxyborohydride. Studies on direct and indirect reductive amination procedures"</p> <p>JOURNAL OF ORGANIC CHEMISTRY, AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY. EASTON, US, vol. 61, no. 11, 1 May 1996 (1996-05-01), pages 3849-3862, XP002217704</p> <p>ISSN: 0022-3263</p> <p>*the whole document*</p> <p>-----</p>	22

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Information on patent family members

International Application No

PCT/EP 03/11384

Patent document cited in search report		Publication date	Patent family member(s)	Publication date
EP 1191016	A	27-03-2002	EP 1191016 A1	27-03-2002
			CN 1344709 A	17-04-2002
			JP 2002187874 A	05-07-2002
			US 2002061832 A1	23-05-2002
WO 0208197	A	31-01-2002	DE 10122447 A1	18-04-2002
			AU 7848001 A	05-02-2002
			BR 0112676 A	24-06-2003
			CN 1444564 T	24-09-2003
			WO 0208197 A1	31-01-2002
			EP 1305292 A1	02-05-2003
			HU 0301661 A2	28-08-2003